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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

Introduced by: Smith V

A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring Bernice A. King.

Whereas, Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of the late Coretta Scott King and Dr. Martin Luther King, is the Chief Executive Officer of the King Center founded by her mother in 1968;

Whereas, Bernice A. King, who began her public speaking career at the age of 17, is internationally known as one of the most powerful, motivating, and life-changing orators in the world today;

Whereas, Bernice's career has taken her to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the White House, major corporations and universities, and countries throughout the world, including

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South Africa, Germany, and New Zealand;

Whereas, Bernice earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Spelman College and a Master's of Divinity and Doctor of Law degrees from Emory University;

Whereas, Bernice A. King has an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Wesley College and is currently a member of the State Bar of Georgia;

Whereas, On January 30, 2007, the first anniversary of her mother's death, Bernice established the "Be A King Scholarship" in honor of Coretta Scott King at Spelman College;

Whereas, Through the King Center, Bernice continues the work of her parents by educating youth and adults about nonviolence principles;

Whereas, As a law clerk in the Fulton County Juvenile Court system, under Judge Glenda Hatchett, Bernice A. King discovered that a growing number of teens have been victims of society and of an ineffective legal system based in retribution instead of rehabilitation;

Whereas, Bernice founded Be A King, a play on her initials, with a mission to rebrand and reimagine generations of people to elevate the way they Think, Act, Live, and Lead;

Whereas, Through Be A King, Bernice hopes to develop a nation of young people who will impact the global marketplace and transform the world culture with a KINGdom mindset;

Whereas, Bernice A. King serves as a mentor to the students at the Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy (CSKYWLA) where she challenges these young ladies to "combat bullying, fighting, and negative attitudes by using their tongue in a manner that is positive and uplifting";

Whereas, Bernice implemented an annual N.O.W. (Nonviolence Opportunity Watch) Encounter Summer Camp educating youth from New Mexico, South Carolina, Michigan,



Alabama, and Cyprus;

Whereas, Bernice King will be recognized by Indiana for her many accomplishments when she receives the Co-2016 Katie Hall Public Service Award at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary; and

Whereas, Bernice A. King has changed the lives of everyone who comes in contact with her: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes
2 the amazing accomplishments of Bernice A. King and thanks her for
3 her dedicated service to mankind.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Bernice A. King.

